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ABSTRACT AND BIOGRAPHY

Creating Your Alpha Team in Ten Easy Steps

Regardless of your position in the organization, you are a member of a team. Your reputation, and your career trajectory, is often determined not so much by what you do, but by how well your team performs. Learning to develop a high-performing team and create a collaborative team environment is one of the best ways to enhance your leadership skills and take your team to a higher level of performance. You can apply these skills not only in the workplace, but in other areas of your life.

This session focuses on ten proven easy steps you can take right now to greatly improve your ability to develop high-performing teams and increase both your individual and organizational success. Ron Taylor, the session presenter, used these steps to lead the largest Chapter in the Project Management Institute, the PMI Washington DC Chapter, and was named PMI's 2008 Chapter Leader of the Year.

Ron Taylor President PMI Washington DC Chapter

Ron Taylor is a project manager, lecturer, trainer, author, and consultant, and is the President of the Washington D.C. Chapter of the Project Management Institute. The Washington DC Chapter is the largest PMI Chapter in the world, with over 8,500 members. During Ron's Presidency the Chapter was named 2007 PMI Chapter of the Year and Ron was named 2008 PMI Chapter Leader of the Year.

He has served as a member of the faculty of the University of Kentucky, where he was nominated Teacher of the Year. After moving to the U.S. Census Bureau, he managed several multimillion dollar projects and led the Bureau's Project Management Board of Directors. He has been a featured speaker at several project management conferences and symposia.

Ron has a baccalaureate degree in Business Administration and an MBA from the University of Kentucky. He holds both the Project Management Professional (PMP®) certification from the Project Management Institute and the Master Certified Knowledge Manager (MCKM) certification from the International Knowledge Management Institute.